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CIA files on these persons were requested and reviewed by HSCA staff members.

their contact with the defector to the Agency. (Girard, Davis, Authur, 2 blocks) One file reg. a former military person ~~who defected to the~~ contains a debriefing report of a debriefing conducted by mil. intell. (Davis) One of the remaining 4 indivs. was

14-6 [illegible] in Copenhagen no DCD file

Rec. info in several areas

Webster:

~~Of the remaining 4 indivs. who had been directly debriefed~~

Of the remaining 4 indivs. who had a direct Ag. contact upon their ret. to the U.S., the

The circumstances of the Agency's contact w/the 4 remaining indivs. were diff. in each case. [*] Another returning, H.C., ~~One of the defectors~~ was [unwittingly] interviewed [by a CIA officer in the Am. Emb. in [Copenhagen]] 14-6 upon his departure from the S.U. en route to the U.S. While C's file indicates that the Agency considered it desirable that a full & controlled debriefing by the CIA & FBI be conducted & Angleton wrote to the FBI suggesting a joint debriefing, there is no evidence in C's 201 file nor any DCD docs. which suggest further contact on the part of the CIA.

One of the individuals ~~who had actually been living~~ ~~was interviewed by the~~ whose file reflects that he had actually been living in the USSR since 1933 & returned to the U.S. in 1962, & ~~He was interviewed by the CIA after he applied~~ ~~a CIA officer using DOD 24~~

[He was debriefed by a CIA officer [using DOD cover] 24 after applying for employment in response to a newspaper advertisement. (Rev. of Aaron file.)]

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More extensive debriefings were conducted of the other 2 defs. Rbt. E. Webster, a plastics expert with the Rand Dev. Corp. whose defection to the S.U. in 1959 was highly publicized, ret. to the U.S. in 6/62. Shortly thereafter, components w/in the Agency conducted a debriefing of Webster in his home territory. Webster had been employed in the S.U. at the Leningrad Scientific Instit. of Polytechnic Plastics.

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(This fact was corroborated by another CIA employee, Donald Deneselya, who worked in the FDD in the Sov. branch of the Directorate of Intelligence in 1962 told the HSCA that he specifically recalled collecting intelligence info. regarding the Minsk Radio Plant. In fact, Deneselya claims that, during the summer of 1962, he reviewed a contact report of an interview by reps. from the CIA's N.Y. field office, who interviewed a former Marine who had worked at the Minsk Radio Plant following his defection to the USSR. This person who Deneselya believes may have been Oswald had been living w/his family in Minsk. Deneselya advised the Committee that the contact report was filed in a volume concerning the Minsk Radio Plant which should be retrievable from the Industrial Registry Branch which, in 1962, was a component of the OCR.

~~The HSCA~~ made a request to the ~~CIA~~. The HSCA requested that the CIA provide the Committee both the above-described contact report & the vol. of materials concerning the Minsk Radio Plant. (ltr 10/78 letter) The HSCA's review of the docs. in the volume on the M.R.P. revealed that no such ~~The CIA provided the volume regarding the M.R.P. but no~~ contact report existed in that file (OCR). The file review did indicate that in 1975, Daniel Schorr had made a similar request for info. he had rec'd from Deneselya & was informed by the CIA that no such report existed.

Of the 29 persons requested, the Ag. was not able to locate a file for one indiv. In the case of 6 other indivs., the file review did not indicate that they ever ret.

22 to the U.S.

~~The HSCA reviewed~~

The HSCA req. files on the 29 indivs. who fit the above-described criteria & the CIA provided files on 28 indivs. on whom they maintained records. Both 201 files were reviewed as well as any existing OCD files regarding these indivs. In the case of 6 indivs., there is no indication in their files that they ever returned to the U.S. Even so, there were occasional reports from sources who observed or spoke w/these persons while in the S.U., but there is no indication of direct contact w/them by the CIA.

18 4 In regard to the other 22 (4) defectors, the file review indicates that there is no record of direct CIA contact w/18 of them. Again, some of these files contain a report from a source who reported

It becomes clear from the review of files on these defs. that debriefing of defectors was in fact somewhat of a random occurrence. However, in the instances in which the Ag. did choose to debrief returning Am. defs., the Ag. appeared ~~they seemed~~ to be interested in mostly topics of general interest regd. ~~life in~~ certain areas of the Sov. U. In this regard, OO — Where are you?

the persons who were debriefed were similar to O in that they def. & ret. w/in the same general time periods & spent their time in the S.U. in areas of interest to the CIA.

More ext. deb. were conducted of the other 2 defs. R.E.W., a plastics expert w/R.A.C. whose def. to the S.U. in 1959 was highly publicized, ret. to the U.S. in 6/62. W had been employed in the S.U. at the Len. Scient. Instit. of Polytech. Plastics. Shortly after his return, W was debriefed in his home territory by reps. from DD/P, SR/6 & the A.F. It was decided that a more ext. debriefing was in order & W was subseq. brought to the Washington area where he was deb. for a period of 2 wks. The deb. reports incl. a chron. of W's life & the CIA's assess. of him as well as a lge. body of info. regarding life in the S.U., W's work there & biog. info. on persons he had met during his residence [illegible].

Def. 7/59
Ret. 6/28/63

Likewise, Libero Riccardelli who had lived in the S.U. for nearly 4 yrs., was contacted for purposes of debriefing shortly after his ret. to the U.S. in late June of 1963. His initial debriefing included such subjs. as his motivation to defect to USSR as well as activities engaged in during Moscow stay, relocation from Moscow to Kiev & general aspects of life such as residence controls & costs. While the Ag. felt that they would be interested in eliciting more info. on such topics ~~regd. life~~ in the S.U. as cost of living, med. care, consumer goods, highways, transport., & restrictions w/in Kiev,

While the CIA felt it was unfeasible to debrief R more thoroughly due to his current status of trying to regain U.S. cit.

the Ag. felt

1622-1125-B : Indexcards

#1623-1125-C Dated 30 Oct. 1975

Discusses letters intercepted

States that copies of intercepted letters were passed to FBI in course of normal exchange of intelligence. substance doesn't relate to JFK assass.

"The records examined to date do not disclose whether or not this information was made avail. to the W.C. by the FBI or CIA.

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copies of letters written by LHO to mother were forwarded to CIA by letter dated 17 March 1964 from J. Lee Rankin, G.C. of W.C. to R. Helms, DDP

Intro - questions

Gen. Backgd.

ATH. file on LHO - items

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HSCA question

Agency response

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I. CIA statements to W.C. (testimony ~~#988-927-BD~~, affidavit ~~#1038-405-B~~, CIA info. provided W.C. #1063-964-B, Insert for CI Staff History #1073-964-L)

II. CIA statements to Fensterwald (~~#961~~, ~~962~~, ~~969~~, ~~970~~)

CIA statements to HSCA; DCD;

III. T.B.C. memo & interviews (#435-173-A) [#3369]

IV. Defectors

M.K. (#1004-400)

S.O.P. - DCD

V. G.R.B. request

VI. ~~S.O.P. - DCD~~ See #1188-1000 p.3 #609 #610

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